

AMERICAN ARMY IN BATTLE LINE RANKS THIRD IN NUMBERS

French Have Most Troops, British Are Second, Americans Third and Belgians Fourth on the West Front; Americans Hold Four Sectors on French Line Besides Sectors Held in Conjunction With British.

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GERMANS AND SIN FEINERS PLOT WARFARE IN IRELAND

Many Prominent Irish People Are Arrested by British Authorities as Result of Discovery of Plot Following Arrest of Man Who Lands in Ireland From German Submarine; Another Revolt Believed Frustrated.

LONDON, Eng., May 18.—Prof. Edward De Valera, president of the Sinn Fein; Arthur Griffith, founder of the Sinn Fein; and other prominent Irish people have been arrested by British authorities as a result of the discovery of a plot to launch a general insurrection in Ireland.

The plot was discovered by British authorities after the arrest of a man who landed in Ireland from a German submarine. The man was found with a letter in his possession, which was believed to be a communication from the German government to the Sinn Fein leaders.

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ALLIES INSTRUCT JAPAN AND CHINA TO TAKE WAR MEASURES IN THE ORIENT

"Drop It," Says Parrot; Thief Obeys Command

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U. S.-British Navy Aviators, Given Up For Lost, Rescued; Cling 4 Days To A Pontoon

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—Ensign R. A. Stone, United States naval reserves, of Norfolk, Va., given up for drowned in the English channel last month, has safely arrived in London.

With a companion, Stone clung for 40 hours, without food or drink, to the side of a seaplane pontoon before he was saved.

Ensign Stone tells a thrilling story of how he and a companion, sub-Lieut. Eric Moore, of the royal naval service, drifted on the sea from a Saturday morning until a Tuesday night, before reaching safety. His statement follows:

"I left our station in a British seaplane as pilot with sub-Lieut. Eric Moore, of the royal naval service, on a mission to the English coast. We were flying over the sea when we were attacked by a German submarine. The submarine fired at us and we were forced to land on the sea.

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GERMANS BUILDINGS WRECKED BY EXPLOSIONS AND PITTSBURG IS SHAKEN

First Last Gives Warning And Many Employees Escape

PITTSBURG, Pa., May 18.—A series of explosions in the Oakdale plant of the Aetna Chemical company at Oakdale today probably cost the lives of 100 persons and did property damage which is estimated at \$1,000,000.

The explosion, which occurred at 10:30 a. m., was the result of a gas leak in the plant. The gas leaked from a pipe and ignited, causing a series of explosions.

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